

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: PANEL COMPRISING A LOCKING SYSTEM

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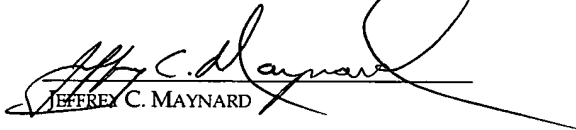
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Honorable Commissioner:

Prior to an examination on the merits of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification, as noted on the pages that follow.

On page 1--add a three new paragraph before the first paragraph (line 6).

On page 1--add a new paragraph before the second paragraph (line 10).

On page 7--add a new paragraph before the first full paragraph (line 3).

On page 7--add a new paragraph before the eighth full paragraph (line 17).

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3. Please cancel claims 1-7 and add new claims 8-14, as noted on the pages that follow.